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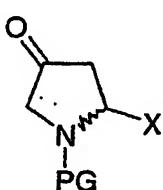
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(57) Abstract: The present invention is concerned with a process for preparing compounds of the general formula (I). These compounds can preferably be used to prepare bioactive agents. The reaction of the invention starts from the corresponding hydroxy compounds which are oxidized, with Ru catalysis, in a one-phase aqueous system.